

# The Pocahontas Times.

It would be a lesson that will keep Thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep. Go to the woods and hills.—Longfellow.

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## Memoirs of Indian Wars And Other Occurrences

By the late Colonel Stuart, of Greenbrier. Seventh Paper.

Presented to the Virginia Historical and Philosophical Society, in 1833, by Chas. A. Stuart, of Augusta, son of the Narrator.

... Captain McKee perceiving their danger, by the route they were taking, dispatched Philip Hammond and John Prior after them, and if possible, to pass them undiscovered, and to give them notice of their approach. This hazardous service was performed with great felicity. The Indians had two days the best of them, but they pursued with such speed and diligence, that they overtook and passed the Indians at the house of William M'Clung, at the Meadows, about twenty miles from Lewisburg. It was in the evening of the day, and M'Clung's family had previously removed farther in amongst the inhabitants for safety, as they were the frontier family on the way to Point Pleasant. At this place Hammond and Prior had a full view of the Indians as they walked upon a rising ground between the house and the barn, and appeared to be viewing the great meadows lying in sight of the house. Hammond and Prior were in the meadows, concealed by the woods, and had a full view of their whole party undiscovered, and calculated their numbers at about two hundred warriors. Having passed the Indians, they came on in great speed, to Colonel Donnelly's, and gave the alarm of the approach of the Indians. Colonel Donnelly lost no time to collect in all his nearest neighbors that night, and send a servant to my house to inform me before day about twenty men, including Hammond and Prior, were collected at Donnelly's, and they had the advantage of a stock side fort around and adjoining the house. There was a number of women and children, making in all about sixty persons in the house. On the next day they kept a good lookout, in momentary expectation of the enemy.

Colonel Samuel Lewis was at my house when Donnelly's servant came with the intelligence, and we lost no time in alarming the people, and to collect as many men for defense, as we could get at camp Union the next day. But all was busy; some flying with their families to the inward settlements, and others securing their property, so that in the course of a day, we had not collected near one hundred men. On the following day we sent out two scouts to Donnelly's, very early in the morning, who soon returned with intelligence that the fort was attacked. The scouts had got within one mile, and heard the guns firing briskly. We determined to give all the aid we could to the besieged, and every man who was willing to go was paroled. They amounted to sixty-eight in all, including Colonel Lewis, Captain Arbeckie and myself. We drew near Donnelly's house about two o'clock p. m. but heard no firing. For the sake of expedition we had left the road for a nearer way, which led to the back side of the house, and thus escaped falling into an ambuscade placed on the road some distance from the house, which might have been fatal to us, being greatly inferior to the enemy in numbers. We soon discovered Indians behind trees in a rye field, looking silently at the house. Charles Gould and I fired upon them, when we saw others running in

their slain out of the yard; but we never afterwards found where they buried them. They visited Greenbrier but twice afterwards, and then in very small parties, one of which killed a man and his wife, of the name of Monday, and wounded Capt. Samuel McKee. The last person killed was Thomas Griffith, his son was taken, but going down the Kanawha, they were pursued one of the Indians was killed, and the boy was relieved, which ended our wars in Greenbrier with the Indians, in the year 1760.

The following letter to Dr. Ligon, President of the County Court, has been handed us for publication:

Marlington, W. Va., Dec. 5, 1907.

Dear Sir:—I had occasion to be in Marlington on business today, and I saw Mr. Lincoln Cochran coming down the street with three prisoners, and in order to satisfy my curiosity I followed them in Stalman's Bros. Store, where Mr. Cochran bought wearing apparel for the men to work in to the amount of \$30, which was charged to the county. I understand Mr. Cochran gets \$3.00 a day for guarding these three prisoners, and the corporation of Marlington pays 50 cents a man for their work. The county receives \$1.50 a day and has to pay Mr. Cochran \$3.00 for guarding them. If this is to be continued, I think the sooner this law is repealed the sooner Pocahontas county will get out of debt, I think, Mr. Ligon, as you are a member of the county court and I a taxpayer, it is my duty to inform you. Trusting you will give the matter your immediate attention.

Yours Respectfully,  
"Taxpayer."

In regard to the above, the writer of this letter is only right in part. There are more than three prisoners in jail under sentence of hard labor, but even if there were a hundred it would be an unprofitable investment for the county to work them over at double the amount the town of Marlington is paying for convict labor. One of our largest expenditures is dealing with the criminal class, men who will not attempt to earn a living by honest toil, and who are too degraded to feel the shame of a jail sentence. For years our jail has been full to overflowing. A few more dollars expended for guards and shackles has a very salutary effect upon the law breaker, and makes him really dread jail. Many times have we heard criminals exult in being housed, clothed, fed, and kept in congenial (I) company, at the expense of the public. Since the institution of the chain gang the number of prisoners have been reduced by half and a large number of habitual law breakers have left the county. We have watched the effect of this compulsory work with a great deal of interest, and believe that it has reduced the criminal expense of the county very materially. On the other hand, the county court has not the power to repeal this order as it is the punishment prescribed by statute.

A charter has been granted to the Lewisburg Hotel Company, the object stated is to conduct a general hotel business and to own or lease all property, real and personal, necessary or proper for that purpose. The capital stock is \$50,000.

Judge J. H. Miller, of Hinton, has completed a "History of Summers County." The book is now in the hands of the publishers and will be ready for distribution in a short time.

It is reported that ex-Governor Spooner will be retained to represent West Virginia in the Virginia Debt Bill. Spooner donated a retainer of half a million, one fourth of the amount required to have settled this debt two years ago.

### STATE NEWS.

Last Sunday morning three desperate criminals, J. R. Paiter, George Kahn, and Gus Handley, made an attempt to escape from the Fayette county jail. The jailer had come with breakfast, and as he opened the door Paiter or spring upon him and take him to the floor. Kahn then began beating the jailer on the head with a heavy, stone bar and Handley assaulted him with a heavy tap-tied to a spring. Great numbers were out in the jailer's head, and he was unable to draw his gun quickly. Finally he shot and fatally wounded Kahn. Handley broke away and ran down stairs. Another shot was fired, but it went wild and came near hitting a prisoner who was taking no part in the fight. Paiter got a hand on the gun and prepared the jailer from shooting his staff he could get down into the lower corridor. No further attempt to get out were made, but the prisoners begged for their lives. The jailer locked the door and waited for help. He was covered with blood from the wounds on his head, and has since been confined to his bed. Kahn was shot in the stomach and died Monday morning. Paiter is from Pocahontas and is under sentence of five years in the penitentiary for murder upon a young girl, and will be brought here for trial for capital crime. He and Handley lay the blame upon the dead man for kidnapping the plot, but a more desperate criminal never lived than Paiter.

While grading one of the principal streets of the town of Guyandotte, several hundred bullets and a pair of silver mounted army pistols were picked up. These are relics of the late Civil War, several hot shot shells having been taken place within what is now the confines of the growing young city of Guyandotte.

At Parkersburg there is a real ghost scare. In the house of a coal hauler, pieces of coal, ranging in size from pellets to big hot chunks, are continually falling from the top of a closely closed room. No reason whatever can be found. The explanation here made on investigation and report that the man's first wife, who is dead, is attempting in this manner to manifest her presence.

Charles Miller, alias Robert Lewis, was recently arrested in London, England, and is held awaiting the authorities of Richmond where he is wanted on a charge of robbing baggage on the O. & O. He was a member of an organized band of robbers, composed of five men and two women, who operated along this railroad system for two years and stole property estimated at \$150,000. They would find out when some wealthy person was going on a trip, make a duplicate of the trunk check and then have the trunk sent to some address.

A very serious case is being made by the police of the city of West Virginia, and it is a grand piece of work. A society has been organized, and the name of it is the "The State of West Virginia." It is a very serious case, and it is being handled with the utmost care.

In the recent city election at Hinton the Republicans demanded a recount and "the blow almost killed father," according to Editor Sawyer. In one of the words a Democratic Alderman had a majority of one vote and the Republicans have a majority of three. On request, the chief returned to the mayor's office and to the Council and the Democrats' majority is five.

### HUNTERSVILLE.

Not seeing anything in your newsy columns from this little hamlet among the hills your scribble will proceed to give you the few stanzas which air us from our slumber.

The inclement rains of Monday night put Knapp Cook on a rampage so that travelers had to think twice before trying to cross and then decide to stop with Zane Moore for a few days.

Rev. Nichol preached his farewell sermon here Sunday. We have many expressions of regret at his leaving this place.

Rev. O. L. Gray was a business visitor at Marlington Tuesday.

Mr. Abernethy, of Portland, Oregon, who has been visiting relatives here and elsewhere in the county, started for her Western home this week. All who were acquainted with Mrs. Abernethy regretted very much to see her leave.

The Board of Education, of Huntersville district held a meeting here Monday. Mr. W. H. Groop, the efficient secretary, tendered his resignation at this meeting.

A. McComb is finishing his house this week.

O. E. McKever is putting in some much needed repairs at the Methodist church.

Geo. Gates, of Elkins, the well known horse dealer was registered at Zane Moore's Tuesday.

Miss Harold and Sterl McEl were attending school at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lockridge and daughter Ethel of this place were visiting in Marlington Sunday.

Mr. Dean, of Rimel, shipped a fine deer to Charleston this week.

A daylight burglary of small dimensions happened here one day last week perpetrated by a boy seemingly. A dose of Prunty town or county jail would be very appropriate. The blood hound would have come in good just then—perhaps later.

### HILLS

Fine winter weather: this section is covered with about four inches of snow.

We are sorry to learn of the illness of Mrs. J. W. McCarty who has pneumonia; Dr. Lockridge attending physician.

George Shrader is working at camp for A. P. McLaughlin.

J. D. Diley accompanied Ed McLaughlin on his way to camp Sunday.

Jasper Diley has gone into the mule business. Any one desiring thorough bred red mule will do well to call on or phone him. The mule is quiet and docile and a favorite guaranteed not to kick.

Amos McCarty and I. B. Shrader are at home from camp.

Rev. Allison failed to fulfill his appointment to Mr. Taber Sunday owing to bad weather.

J. D. Diley seems to be the champion fox hunter so far this season; he caught a red fox by his ears and kept himself to Sunday school.

E. H. Diley has purchased a new gun and is entertaining his friends along the line.

John Lourey and Belle White have a job of cutting timber for G. W. Hambley and Son, on Knapp Creek.

Davis Diley is away on his annual visit.

Top Alleghany  
J. K. Hoover and J. A. Varner and W. H. Collins went wild hunting the other day and killed a rabbit.

J. H. Collins is on the sick list. J. A. Varner had a fine male the other day of lung fever.

French Gargy is going to move away. We are sorry to see him leave.

Rev. Bell preached a very interesting sermon to a large congregation here Sunday.

Red Hairs is rabbit hunting this winter. He has killed nine.

Adam Collins was down from Huntersville last Sunday, and reports a good time there. That is more than we are having here now.

### LIFE AND DEATH

Life's arrow whither hath it sped? That trembled in the bow so long: God spoke the word, and it was gone, Beyond car ken, beyond our sight,— Nor followed we that arrows flight, But, it was upward, this we know. A. L. P.

### Winter Course in Agriculture

The farmer is fortunate who can so arrange his winter work as to be able to spend four weeks at Morgantown in January attending the School of Agriculture which the University will conduct at that time. We have just received the announcement of the Special Winter Course which the College of Agriculture of the University will give during the four weeks beginning January 6, 1908. This announcement includes a schedule showing exactly what subjects will be presented at each hour every day during the course. It will be sent to all who apply; so that any interested person may know just what he will have an opportunity to learn on any particular day.

During the first week Professor Atkeson will give a course of six lectures or lessons on stock breeding. On the first day (January 6) he will treat of "Breeding Live Stock," on the second day his subject is "Like Produces Like," but like produces like only when the conditions are just right, and so it is appropriate that the next day's subject should be "Variation and Alivism." So the theme of the course is logically developed. It appears from the schedule that Assistant Secretary Hays of the U. S. Department of Agriculture will deliver a lecture on the night of January 16th; also that Governor Dawson will lecture on the tenth.

But every interested farmer ought to have the circular and study it for himself. A postal card request, addressed to D. W. Working, Morgantown, will bring the announcement by return mail.

### Two Bears Killed on Gauley

On December 5th Grant Luzater and Ed Rhea were hunting and tracked three bears, an old one and two cubs, in a laurel patch on Black Run. They came back and got Granvill and Charlie Brady, and John and Bryan Swecker and W. C. Lindsay and went back the next day, and finding they had not come out of the laurel, they all took stands but Granvill Brady, who went in and drove them out. The old one was in the lead, and John Swecker, who had a repeating shot gun, shot her through the heart and she rolled down the hill. One of the cubs stepped in the same place and was brought down also. The other cub ran back in the laurel, and finding it had stopped in there all the men but Granvill and Luzater took the stands the second time, but it refused to be driven up the hill again and jumped over a cliff of rocks 25 feet high and made its escape. This is the fourth bear that has been killed within a radius of five miles this season. This will no doubt save some sheep for the farmers. Bears had become so numerous in this vicinity that sheep raising has been of little profit to some people.

### Report of second month of Huntersville school, closing December 6, 1907. Pupils not absent during month for more than half a day:—Clarence, Winfred, Fred, and Grace Moore; Chase, Worth, and Grey Lourey; Lallie, Jessie, Harry, Ojal, Doms, and Connie McComb; Mamye; Guy, and Kyle Ginger; Archie and Lonnie Bare, Fay Grece; Habbit and Fred Guth; Katie and Lucile Cary; Delta Wagoner, Margie Walker. Average percent 97.8. The interest is still good in the school. All suggestions for the good of school gladly received. E. D. Coover. In Theory Only. According to an estimate made by a banker who is fond of figures, each white person in New York city is applying an average of 300.

### NOTICE

The Women's Home Mission Society of the Methodist church at Huntersville, will give an oyster and meat supper and Bazaar in the printing office building on Friday evening December 27, 1907. Proceeds for the benefit of the church now being repaired. All are cordially invited to be present. We hope to have an enjoyable occasion.

Committee.

### SPECIAL RECEIVER'S SALE

Parsonage to be decreed of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County entered on the 8th day of November 1907 in the chancery cause of G. L. Moore and others, Plaintiff vs. Edwin Patchin and others, Defendants, therein pending, and undersigned Special Receiver. It is ordered that the said parsonage be sold on the 23rd day of December 1907.

At one o'clock p. m. at the saw-mill belonging to the estate of Edwin Patchin on the C. E. Moore farm on Browns Creek in Pocahontas county sell the following described valuable property to-wit:

First—All the standing timber that was conveyed by C. L. Moore to J. D. Gochenour on the 10th day of December 1904 and situate on the C. L. Moore farm on Browns Creek in said County, said deed being of record in the office of the clerk of the county court of Pocahontas County in Deed Book No. 38 at page 26 to which deed reference is made for a full and complete description. The purchaser to have six and one-half years from the 10th day of December 1904 to remove said timber.

Second—One saw-mill plant complete, consisting of One 25 H. P. Farquhar engine and boiler, and one Oliver Saw-mill and fixtures complete.

Said Special Receiver will sell said timber and mill both separately and together and which way this property brings the most money will be confirmed as the sale.

Terms—One third Cash in hand on day of sale and for the residue, purchaser executing his bonds with approved personal security, in equal installments falling due in six and twelve months from day of sale with interest from date.

ANDREW PRICE,  
F. R. HILL,  
Special Receivers.

### TRUSTEE'S SALE

By virtue of authority vested in me as Trustee of the estate of W. R. Sutton, Bankrupt, I will offer for sale on or before the 18th day of December, 1907, the personal and real estate of the said W. R. Sutton, situated in the said Pocahontas county. Between this date and the 18th day of December, 1907, I will sell at private sale any part of said property that will bring its appraised price, and on the said 18th day of December 1907, at one o'clock p. m., I will offer for sale the personal property of said Sutton, or so much thereof as remains unsold, at public auction to the highest bidder at his home place about two miles from Houshman, W. Va. The personal property consists of 1 horse, bull, 3 calves, 100 rods of wire fencing, and farming utensils. The real estate consists of two farms on Back Alleghany Mt.—one of 348 acres and one of 308 acres—and one half interest in lots and building in town of Marlington, W. Va.

Terms of sale: Cash.

T. S. McNEEL, Trustee.  
December 4, 1907.

### LARGE NEWS

Col. Higginson once met two Cann bridge boys, not long past their start, Wednesday, and asked them if they had enjoyed their walk and what they had found to talk about. "Oh," answered one, with an air of definitely acquired wisdom, "we've been talking about foolish things we used to think when we were little."

### Jobs in South America

Japanese merchants who speak both Spanish and English are steadily extending their trade in the larger cities of the west coast of South America.

### HAD SOME IDEAS ABOUT ART.

Rural French Critics Gave Sculptor Unhappy Half Hour.

At Chalon-on-the-Saone has just been inaugurated the movement executed by Moreau-Vauthier and Berard to commemorate the national defense superb cuirassier who carried across his saddle the body of a comrade whose feet clasp in his arms the broken standard.

On the eve of the unveiling the municipal council, presided over by the mayor, repaired to the foot of the statue to examine and see if it should be accepted.

"Are you not going to tear off the green paint?" asked the mayor of the artist.

"That, monsieur," replied the sculptor, "that is verdigris."

"Verdigris! Verdigris!" said the mayor. "I understand that very well. But I know that this is a beautiful color; but it is dirty. If I had a kitchen outfit of that color I would have it scoured. That must be cleaned up. You'll have to make that absent."

"That, monsieur—"

At that moment a member of the council having struck the body of the bronze horse with his cane, they all cried out: "This sounds hollow!"

"Your bronze is hollow, monsieur," said the mayor.

The unhappy sculptor then took great pains to explain that all bronze statues were hollow. The mayor maintained an air of defiant incredulity, and as he passed around the monument said: "It appears to me you have hardly detailed the hair in the tail."

"This was too much for the sculptor. 'I wished,' he said, 'to screw natural hair into his tail like the hair used in children's hobby horses.' It would have taken the mayor an hour to do so, and I reflected that it would have cost you too much."

And the municipal council of Chalon agreed with the justice of this observation.—Le Cri de Paris.

### A Deserted Village.

The site of the erstwhile flourishing village of Brendon is represented by a few gaunt stone chimneys, a stray cluster of roofless cottages, a dilapidated dissenting chapel, a ghostly railway station and one third-story shop, which serves the needs of the scattered community living in the Brendon Hills, says H. G. Archer, in the Wide World Magazine. But for many years the deserted village was left just as it was when the miners occupied it, and as such presented an extraordinary sight—empty, grass-grown streets of closed houses, shops and places of assembly. It is only comparatively recently that the buildings were repaired and the streets of which they were composed, and which carried away. To-day the most tangible relic is found at the junction of the roads just outside the village—a quaint square, plain building over the porch entrance to which is the word "Brendon," and the date of erection, 1851. This is one of the little chapels built for the miners, no attempt had been made to preserve it from decay, and not so long ago the pedestrians could stroll in and find the sunlight streaming through the translucent windows and their borders of colored glass, making the interior grotesquely gay. The pulpit and pews then remained, and many of the cards affixed to the book-rests and inscribed with the seat-holders' names were yet to be seen.

### London in Her Glory.

Seen under the glory of a really fine sunset, London must be one of the most beautiful and impressive spectacles in the world. You may look up the Thames, and see the red and white log the pall of smoke that hangs over the shipping into a misty crimson cloud, and lighting the dirty water and dingy wharves with a gleam of gold; or see the dome of St. Paul's caught in a mist of rich colors; or the high buildings of Bond street standing clearly out against the warmly-lit sky; and the river, not unbecomingly, whether any other city that ever was built could show such a magnificent series of pictures as can this dingy London of ours of an autumn evening.—County-Gentleman.

### Cure for Ringworms.

As a cure for ringworms this curious recipe was given in the Homekeeper's Guide for 1835:—"Get the comb of a church bell that is the greenest which is applied to make it shine, and wash with the comb the forms a kind of verdigris, mix it with unsalted lard and apply a fresh plaster twice a day. It is not operation that dictates the use of a church bell above any other, but the peculiar combination of metals employed for the purpose produces a slight acid, and this, together with the remedy was long kept a profound secret, and many cures effected at an enormous charge. It has been equally efficacious as a remedy and equally communicated."

### An Elderly Man from the Country.

Intent on purchasing some furniture, proceeded to the city to put his skill for bargains to the test. On entering an old curio shop, he found himself confronted by the proprietor. After turning over the stock the old man purchased a chair. A few days later the purchaser returned to the shop again with the chair in about half a dozen pieces. The proprietor looked at them very gravely and examined them all over, then suddenly exclaimed: "Ah, my friend, I see what is the matter; somebody has been sitting on it!"—The Sun.

### Not Even Scat Public.

Angry Scot—Look here, Mr. O'Brien! I've the very finest respect for yer country, but ye mustn't forget this: Ye can sit on a rock, and ye can sit on a shamrock, but O'Connell's eggs sit on a thistle!—The Sun.

### Indecent to Attend Church.

A clergyman in a London suburb had preached to entertain his congregation with verses by reading verses by them, with unusual frequency.